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Patent**REMARKS**

Claims 2-37 are in the case.

To expedite the prosecution, claim 1 has been canceled. Allowable claim 6 has been amended to be an independent claim. Dependent claims 2, 3, 5, 9, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23-25, 28 and 32 have been amended to be dependent from the allowable claim 6.

Dependent claims 11-13 were withdrawn from consideration but would be rejoined upon allowance of the generic claims 6 and 9 according to 37 CFR 1.141(a). Dependent claims 28-31 were withdrawn from consideration but would be rejoined upon allowance of the product claim 6 pursuant to MPEP 821.04.

In view of all the forgoing, Applicant submits that the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance and action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. In the event that claims are not allowed, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned should a teleconference interview facilitate the prosecution of the application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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